

# PEBMARSH PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Of the meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**Present:** Cllr M Sharp, Cllr B Nott, Cllr L Darroux, Cllr J Rumsey  
Clerk – Mrs Shelley Boydell  
District Councillors – Cllr G Spray  
County Councillor – Cllr P Schwier.  
Members of Public – none

## MINUTES

**1.(11/07/2023) Apologies for Absence** – Cllr G Coutauld, Cllr J Tufnell,

**2.(11/07/2023) Declarations of Interest** – Cllr B Nott – Haul Road

**3.(11/07/2023) Minutes of previous Parish Council Meetings**

The minutes were agreed by all and will be signed by the Chairman in due course.

**4.(11/07/2023) District / County Councillors Reports**

Gabrielle Spray – Bramford to Twinstead Haul Road, initial hearing 12-14 September 2023. Local Impact Report – BDC is submitting a response to the consultation, including the lack of information on the site and lack of investigation on heritage buildings and impact of noise, a holistic impact is not just impacting farmers but also the environment. Ultimately a decision will be made by the Secretary of State.

Garden waste subscription – almost the last authority to introduce a charge for green waste, which is a costly £863,000 this year for just green waste collection. BD has a £2m deficit to close and this will help, the cost for the garden waste subscription is £55 per year.

Peter Schwier – Information has been circulated regarding concrete issues, 550 schools in Essex are now back open. Information has been circulated regarding energy switch, exam results, park and ride (new agreement re running cycling race), Highways Highlights.

There are 12 extra crews fixing pot holes – report with what 3 words location and a photo.

Councillor Community Grants, each County Councillor has a £5,000 budget.

**5.(11/07/2023) Clerk's Report** – noted

**6.(11/07/2023) Public Forum** – no public present

**7.(11/07/2023) Parish Upkeep & Village Matters**

- a) Cllr J Rumsey has been liaising with a playground supplier and will arrange to meet them along with Cllr L Darroux. Clerk to go back to Playquip and ask for repair quote and not replacement, also Clerk to obtain 2 other repair quotes.
- b) New defibrillator will arrive in a couple of weeks and installation will be shortly afterwards.
- c) Parish Council unanimously voted against a quiet lane proposal and unanimously voted for a 20mph limit in the centre of the village.
- d) Further discussion regarding Haul Road and the issues local farmers are having,
- e) Chairman to contact Paul Partridges at Braintree District Council regarding dangerous verges.
- f) The Parish Council agreed an additional defibrillator in the village, this has been donated free of charge by Cllr J Rumsey, for which the Parish Council would like to thank very much. The defibrillator will be situated adjacent to Courtyard Stores, currently the Parish Council is awaiting confirmation of the exact location and electric supply to enable a heated and lighted housing box.
- g) The Parish Council will discuss the update on the new defibrillator in the village at the next meeting when Cllr J Rumsey is in attendance.

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- h) Quiet lanes were discussed in the village and also a 20mph limit in the centre of the village, to potentially include the school and also the pub. Parish Council to meet with County Councillor Peter Schwier to discuss these options further.
- i) Chairman to draft letter to Braintree District Council complaining about the danger of the overgrown verges in the village.

## **8.(11/07/2023) Finance**

- a) *finance report noted*
- b) *Emergency plan reviewed and agreed.*
- c) Governance documents agreed: Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Code of Conduct, Data Protection Policy, Subject Access Request Policy, Internal Controls Policy, Retention of Documents Policy
- d) Councillor individual roles: All councillors will continue to share roles.
- e) Risk assessments reviewed and agreed.
- f) Privacy Policy reviewed and agreed

## **a) Items for Next Agenda –**

- Playground – update from working group
- Additional Defibrillator update
- 20mph update
- Haul Road update
- Uncut verges update

## **b) Dates of Next Meetings**

13<sup>th</sup> March 2024 (TBC), 8<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024 (TBC)

**Meeting closed 21:00**

**Signed by Chairman Cllr Michael Sharp**